

Homographs

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A HOMOGRAPH IS A WORD THAT IS SPELLED THE SAME AS ANOTHER WORD BUT HAS A DIFFERENT MEANING AND SOMETIMES A DIFFERENT PRONUNCIATION.

Wound is the past tense of *wind*, meaning "to wrap around."

A **buffet** is a counter from which meals are served.

Th **buffet** is to strike forcefully.

Incense is a substance that burns with a strong odor.

If you **incense** someone, you anger that person.

A **pawn** is the lowest piece in a chess game.

If you **pawn** something, you give it as a deposit for a loan.

Intimate means "a close association."

If you **intimate** something, you give a hint.



A **wound** is an injury.

A. Read each sentence. Then circle the correct pronunciation of the word.

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| 1. Did the boss intimate that 'II'oy was getting a raise? | a. in' tg mat | b. in' tg mgt |
| 2. Anita often burne.d incense on the porch. | a. in' sen(t)s | b. in sen(t)s' |
| 3. The restaurant had a huge buffet on Saturday nights. | a. bg fa' | b. bg fgt' |
| 4. Be careful not to incense the bear. | a. in' sen(t)s | b. in sen(t)s' |
| 5. That storm will buffet the ships at sea. | a. bg fa' | b. bg fgt' |
| 6. The friends had known each other for years and were on intimate terms. | a. in' tg mat | b. in' tg mgt |

B. Write a vocabulary word for each underlined word or words.

- Bruce moved a chess piece and then waited.
- The doctor tended to the patient's injury.
- The dancers spun around the maypole.
- Neil decided to stake his watch for a loan.

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A. Use what you know. Write the best word to complete each sentence.

1. Expertly, the mother _____ a band around her daughter's hair.
2. We could smell the _____ as we entered the church.
3. Ruby captured the _____ her opponent had moved.
4. For dinner, an appetizing _____ was set up along one side of the room.
5. Although they lived on the same floor, the two families were not _____
6. After stumbling over a root, the climber had a nasty _____ on his leg.
7. Strong winds sometimes _____ the chair lifts at this mountain.
8. It will _____ Dad if we leave the dirty dishes in the sink.
9. The speaker's words _____ his feelings about the situation.
10. When you _____ jewelry, you don't get much money for it.

r B. Read each question. Choose the best answer.

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| 1. Can a buffet buffet? | Dyes | <input type="radio"/> no |
| 2. Can an intimate intimate? | Dyes | <input type="radio"/> no |
| 3. Can you pawn a pawn? | Dyes | <input type="radio"/> no |
| 4. Can incense incense you? | Dyes | <input type="radio"/> no |

Writing to Learn

Explain why homographs can be confusing. Give some tips for understanding them. Use at least three homographs as examples.